

**Guy Spiro's Original Astro-Weather**

**EASTERN TIME**

# **Holiday Survival Guide**



**A day-by-day  
Astrological guide  
to help you make  
the most of this  
Holiday Season**

**Is today a good time  
to shop? To party?  
To take it easy?  
Or even to get  
some work done?**



## What is the Guy Spiro's Astro-Weather Holiday Survival Guide?

Each day the Moon and the planets move through the heavens creating shifting background energies that we all deal with. Guy Spiro's Astro-Weather describes these changes day-by-day as a simple guide to the astrological energies. Energies, like Moon Void of Course times and Retrograde periods need careful handling. You can greatly improve your life by being aware of these special days and their needs. Read all about it in the Guide to Astrology in the back.

### How to use the Holiday Survival Guide

There are two ways to use the Holiday Survival Guide. The first is to check the guide each day and try to flow with, or if you must, struggle against the energies of each day. You can take advantage of particularly positive energies or warnings about harder days to get the most out of each day.

You can also use Astro-Weather to schedule events further in the future. Planning an office party or to go gift shopping with a friend? Consult the guide to find the best day for your event (see page 4 for highlights). The Holiday Survival Guide is just a taste of Astro-Weather — we feel sure that once you have tried it, you'll want to buy Guy Spiro's Astro-Weather 2006 which lists conditions for every day of 2006.

One last note: please make sure you are using Astro-Weather for your time zone. If you are in Pacific Time and you are using the Eastern Time edition you will be three hours out of sync. To find the Holiday Survival Guide for your time zone, visit <http://guyspiro.com/> to download it.

#### Monday, November 21st

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The cautionary energy involving communication and transportation will tend to remain with us through today. There are three more major energies to deal with. The first is positive for taking relationships to more spiritual levels. This energy can also be used socially, however, and that is what most will do with it. The second is actually very positive for communication and transportation and much may be accomplished. Focus on unfinished issues from the past and clean up old messes. The third is the Sun's entry into the mutable fire sign Sagittarius late tonight. This signals the beginning of the final third of the harvest season. During this period, continue to reap and store the harvest from the major projects begun back at the vernal equinox, and begin to think about what you might want to start at the beginning of the next solar cycle. Minor aspects are mixed at best and good choices will be in order.

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High energy from yesterday will tend to carry over into today. Watch today's early predawn for a brief period of minor irritability. The rest of the predawn is open. Watch the early through mid morning for spaciness, irritability and relationship issues. Once past that, the rest of the daytime is open. Take a disciplined but friendly approach through the evening and into the late night.

#### Wednesday, November 23rd

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For many people, the Thanksgiving holiday really begins today with travel, shopping and other preparation activities. Many have half days of work and companies that don't let employees go home early should as there will be precious little work done through the afternoon. While this is one of the happy family holidays, there are energies to deal carefully with. Remember that Mercury is retrograde, so be prepared for delays and other problems in travel. The airports and other bottlenecks will be nuts. The Moon will be void of course today from 12:24 this morning until 1:41 this afternoon when it enters Virgo. At that point the energy will lift very noticeably and general moods will tend to become more discerning and concerned with detail. Relax and take it easy through the void of course, but be prepared for activity as it ends. There is scattered irritability following the void of course and well into the evening. Watch the late afternoon for a period of potentially intensely bad moods. You don't want to get carried away with this afternoon's irritations and let them set a tone that lingers. Begin being careful in close relationships today. Issues and perhaps even people from the past will have a tendency to arise. Let go of past problems and try to help others do the same. This is such a family oriented holiday that those who do not have close family situations should be treated sensitively. If it's possible, you may want to include some in your festivities. Things will improve into the late night. This will be a day for good choices.

### Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Day

Individuals and families that deal successfully with today's energies will have a fun and interesting time. Those who run afoul of them can have a whole range of problems, from the sitcom "we all laugh about it later" level to the "restraining order, bodily harm, not funny at all" other extreme. Family gatherings such as this can be greeting card nice for some, but for others they are pressure cookers. Again, remember that Mercury is retrograde and allow extra time for everything, especially the travel related. There are three major energies running throughout today. They are related and tend to become more or less one. The first easily leads to disagreements in relationships. Watch especially for issues from the past to arise. This is definitely not the day to compare this one with the last one, certainly not out loud. The second is generally positive for introspection and coming to greater self understanding. The third once again easily triggers difficulties in relationships as light is shed on less agreeable details. This can be a troubling complex and a good rule of thumb might be if you wouldn't want to hear it, don't say it. Minor aspects are mixed, with the morning being more positive than the afternoon and evening. Moods should lift noticeably in the late night.

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### Friday, November 25th

The Friday following Thanksgiving is another day off for many people. If you work in retail, the rest of us offer our condolences. This is regarded as one of the biggest shopping days of the year. It is known as Black Friday, although this has two very different meanings for the store owners and those working the aisles. If you have to be part of this, try to get the earliest start you can with your shopping, and don't try to shop into the Moon void of course period. There will be much spinning of wheels and needless aggravation. Let those who don't know better fight the tide. Major energy from yesterday will likely linger into today and it will be a good idea to continue being careful in relationships. Today's predawn should start out with good moods. The rest of the predawn is open. Watch the mid morning for emotional reactions. The early through mid afternoon has minor coerciveness and aggression. The late afternoon into the early evening chips in with a brief period of hard attitudes. Get anything important done before 1:08 this afternoon as the Moon will be void of course from then until 1:56 in tomorrow's early predawn when it will enter Libra. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more concerned with balance and beauty. This may not be the most positive social Friday night in history. Look for the energy from yesterday to remain very active, especially if you are still involved in a family situation or spending time with a significant other. Continue to observe the cautions, especially regarding people from the past.

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### Saturday, November 26th

Late Friday night social scenes will have received a boost of energy as the void of course ended. There is a major energy today that indicates a general shift in thinking and communication toward a deeper and more intense mode. Continue to watch for issues from the past to resurface. The early predawn is mixed. Watch for spaciness and take a friendly approach instead. The rest of the predawn is open. Moods will be more positive through the morning and early afternoon. There may be a downturn in the mid evening with a brief period of erratic aggression. Moods will improve again later. Have fun tonight, but make good choices.

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### Sunday, November 27th

There will be a major energy coming into focus today that can bring problems to communication and transportation. Watch for people running into restrictions and limitations and acting out on them. Beware of cold hard attitudes, indifference and general unpleasantness. Be especially careful in traffic. Watch today's late predawn for a brief period of minor irritability. Moods will improve through the morning and on into the mid afternoon. Watch the late afternoon through much of the evening for relationship issues and erratic irritability. Moods will improve later, but be aware that the Moon will be void of course from 11:36 tonight through most of tomorrow morning.

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*With the pressure and activity of the holidays coming up it might be helpful to carry the idea of Thanksgiving through the next five weeks or so. Take time each day to feel gratitude for those in your life, for your work, your talents, your opportunities, your pets, or the fact that you were born in this place at this time. Writing it down will not only make it more powerful, it will give you something to look back to.*



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### Monday, November 28th

Last night's Moon void of course period runs through most of the morning and finally ends at 11:31 when the Moon enters Scorpio. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more intense. There are two major energies running through today. The first brings out the crazies. Watch for erratic and bizarre behavior of all kinds. The second is related to the first and tends to lighten the effect. This energy is very positive in general and can be used for any activity. The only problem with all of this is when people get carried away and ego problems ensue. Don't be surprised if you meet Napoleon today. Watch the mid evening for minor erratic aggression, but good moods will run through the late night.

### Tuesday, November 29th

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High energy from yesterday will remain very much with us through today. Make good use of the positive, but watch for the cautions. There is another major energy coming into focus throughout today that easily leads to problems in relationships. Watch for sudden unrealistic and irrational demands for change as well as general erratic behavior. If trouble pops up, switch to damage control. There is scattered minor irritability through the predawn and much of the morning. Watch the morning in particular for hard attitudes. There may be a brief period of spaciness in the mid to late afternoon, but this will pass quickly. The rest of the afternoon into the late night is open.

### Wednesday, November 30th

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The cautionary relationship energy mentioned yesterday will remain with us through today and should be observed. There are three more major energies to deal with today. The first easily leads to erratic behavior up to and including violence in extreme cases. Watch for general impatience, frustration and aggression. The second is in bad combination with the first and serves to deepen difficulties that may arise. Watch for secret and coercive activities and violence. Do not let minor disputes escalate and under no circumstances allow yourself to be drawn into altercations with strangers. The Moon will be void of course today from 10:15 this morning until 5:31 this afternoon when it will enter Sagittarius. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more expansive and open to a wide range of ideas. Following the void of course, you will notice energy levels rising as tomorrow's new Moon rolls in.

### Thursday, December 1st

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Today is new Moon day. It is exact at 9:59 this morning. Remember that what you start at new Moon brings results at next full Moon. This particular new to full period requires a little more caution than others we have seen this year. Between the cautionary energy happening around this new Moon and that surrounding the full Moon, it will be a very good idea to guard against any sort of coercive, aggressive or manipulative attitudes and activities. Seek greater self understanding and positive changes. Cautionary energy from yesterday will remain very much with us through today. Do not let minor disputes escalate, and under no circumstances allow yourself to be drawn into altercations with strangers. Aside from the major energies, good moods will be more than available for those making the right choices.

## Holiday Planning Guide

Best Days For	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 26	Nov 28	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 5	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 1
Partying				•		•	•				•	•					•	•
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Romancing						•				•		•		•				

### Friday, December 2nd

Consider yesterday's new Moon to run on through today at least. Cautionary energies from the past few days will tend to linger through today as well. There are three more major energies, however, that are much more positive. The first is very good for dealing with authority, older people and traditional matters. This is excellent energy for making progress along self improvement lines. The second is great for communication in relationships and taking them to deeper levels. There may be a heavier sexual component to this than some people will be comfortable with and sensitivity will be in order. The third is positive for making new beginnings in meditative pursuits. Be open to the intuitive process. The fly in the ointment with all of this is that the Moon will be void of course today from 10:15 this morning until 8:41 tonight when it will enter Capricorn. At that point the energy will lift noticeably, general moods will tend to become more practical and concerned with accomplishment, and Friday night social scenes will really start to take off.

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### Saturday, December 3rd

Late Friday night social energy will run strongly into today's predawn. The positive energy mentioned yesterday will remain very much with us through today and should be made good use of. Plan some sort of fun activities. The biggest news is that this year's last Mercury retrograde period ends tonight. Over the next several days as it picks up speed, the unusual level of problems in communication and transportation we've had lately will begin to subside and return to normal. Aside from the major energies, good moods will run strongly through most of the morning. Watch the early to mid afternoon for minor irritability and hard attitudes. Once past that, good moods will return through the rest of the afternoon and the nighttime. Enjoy.

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### Sunday, December 4th

There are two major energies running throughout today. The first is very good for communication in relationships. Mercury is still pretty much at station point, deep in the shadow of the retrograde, but still direct and this can be very good for beginning to clear up problems from the past. The second is much more cautionary and you will want to watch for people getting carried away in their uses of energy and power. Keep an eye out for impatience, frustration and a tendency to act out on it. Handled properly, this aspect provides a tremendous amount of energy that can be used positively. Choices will be very important. Get anything important done before 1:56 this afternoon as the Moon will be void of course from then until 10:36 tonight when it will enter Aquarius. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more independent and free thinking.

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**Now that we're solidly into the Holiday Season,  
it's time to get down to some serious party planning**

#### Parties To Go To:

Date	Where	Time	Gift Y/N	Dish to Share Y/N

#### Parties To Have:

Date	Time	# of Guests	Meal and/or Appetizers	Gifts Y/N



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### Monday, December 5th

High energy from yesterday will remain with us through today. There is another major energy that is a repeat from Friday and Saturday. This is very good energy for meditative pursuits and the intuitive process. Aside from these major energies, most of today's predawn is open. Deal properly with relationships in the late predawn and early morning. Take a friendly and innovative approach through most of the morning, but watch the midday through early afternoon for aggressiveness, exaggerated emotional responses and coercion. In the late afternoon, we have a period of hard attitudes to work around. Once past that, moods will improve and become much more positive through the evening and into the late night.

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### Tuesday, December 6th

There is a major energy running throughout the day that is once again excellent for any sort of meditative pursuit and the intuitive process. Pay attention to the still, small voice within. This energy can also be taken socially, and that, of course, is what many will do with it. Today's predawn is open. Watch the late morning for a brief period of hard attitudes. Moods will improve through the midday and early afternoon. Watch for a downturn in the late afternoon, with minor irritability and argumentativeness. Get anything important done before 4:58 this afternoon as the Moon will be void of course from then until 12:44 tonight when it will enter Pisces. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become somewhat more mellow if a bit spacy.

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### Wednesday, December 7th

High energy from yesterday will remain with us through today. Reread yesterday and make good use of it. There is another major energy that is an outer planet, long range aspect which will tend to ratchet up the rhetoric in the international conflict. This is likely to be more noise than action, but any attacks planned will be of a more spectacular nature. Aside from the major energy, take an expansive approach through the predawn. Be open to innovation and take an active, friendly and, once again, expansive approach through the workday. Watch the evening for a period of erratic, hard attitudes and relationship issues. The late night will open up.

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### Thursday, December 8th

There is a major energy running throughout today that is very good for making new beginnings in relationships. Light will be shed and greater understanding will be easily attainable. Make good use of this. Aside from the major energy, watch the late predawn for a period of potentially really rotten moods. The morning through most of the afternoon opens up. Watch the late afternoon for aggression, coercion and exaggerated emotional reactions. The evening is mixed. Keep an eye out for hard attitudes and take a friendly, communicative approach instead. Be aware that the Moon will be void of course from 11:16 tonight well into tomorrow's predawn.

***There's nothing like the thought of entertaining to make all the little flaws in your home stand out. Remember that most people won't notice minor problems, and if they do, so what? Time will come and go whether you make improvements or not. If you must, take time to list them.***

**TO DO**

**CALL SOMEONE/DO IT YOURSELF**

**THINGS TO BUY/WHERE**


### Friday, December 9th

Last night's Moon void of course period ends at 4:02 this morning when the Moon enters Aries. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more assertive and aggressive. Today's biggest news is that Mars turns direct tonight after having backed up in our sky since October first. As it picks up speed over the next two or three weeks, you will notice a return to normal amounts of energy and power being available. Those who have mistakenly initiated conflicts during this period will be facing the error of their ways. Aside from the major energy, watch for spaciness through the predawn. Take an innovative and active approach through the workday and get a lot done. This is likely to be a high energy, social Friday night. Have a good time.

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### Saturday, December 10th

There is a major energy running throughout today that is very positive for communication in relationships. Make a positive gesture in an appropriate situation and it is likely to be reciprocated. This energy is also very socially oriented and we should all make good use of it. Late Friday night social scenes are likely to be highly energized through today's predawn. Good moods will run strongly from the late predawn through the early afternoon at least. The rest of the afternoon is open, but there is a brief period of potential minor erratic irritability in the early evening. This will pass quickly and the rest of the evening well into the late night will be more positive again. Make good choices and get the most out of today and tonight.

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### Sunday, December 11th

Late Saturday night social scenes should be positively energized well into today's predawn. Watch the late predawn to early morning, however, for relationship issues. Be aware that the Moon will be void of course this morning from 5:49 until 8:45 when it will enter Taurus. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more down to earth and concerned with enjoyment. Positive relationship and social energy from yesterday will tend to linger through today. Watch the morning following the void of course for exaggerated emotional reactions, but an expansive, good natured approach will yield best results. The late afternoon through early evening has scattered minor irritability, but this should be easily dealt with if it is noticed at all. Take an active, fun, and innovative approach through the evening and nighttime.

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### EVER GET A GIFT FROM AN ACQUAINTANCE WHEN YOU DIDN'T EXPECT IT?



*Or get a last minute dinner invitation? You might want to get a few small things to avoid embarrassment in those surprising situations. There's no end to what these can be: Nuts, candy, candle holders, small photo books, coffee, tea, mugs. How about framing a small inspirational or amusing photo? Have these wrapped with a blank tag so they're ready to go.*

### THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR FOR SHARING, AND DOING SO HELPS OTHERS, BUT IT MAKES US FEEL GOOD AS WELL.

*The possibilities are endless. You can give change to the bell ringers at stores, or maybe your church or town has an adopt a family program. Many grocery stores set out boxes to collect food donations. Find a program that will put you in touch with a service man or woman, take a tag off the tree in the mall that enables you to give a gift to a needy child. Fire and police departments often offer ways to get in on giving. Do as much as you can.*



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### Monday, December 12th

There are two major energies running throughout today. The first indicates a general shift in thought, communication, and transportation to a more expansive mode. The second can bring problems to communication and transportation, especially where people run into restrictions and become frustrated and prone to acting out. Be careful in traffic. Handled properly, this energy can be very good for negotiation and coming to long term agreement, but both sides need to be operating in good faith. Aside from the major energies, watch the predawn through early morning for hard attitudes and argumentativeness. The midday to early afternoon will have a period of spaciness. The rest of the afternoon through the early evening is open.

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### Tuesday, December 13th

Today's mid through late predawn has relationship issues, erratic moods and coerciveness. The early morning is open. Watch the late morning for a brief period of irritability that may well pass unnoticed. Moods will improve and there will be positive relationship energy through the midday and early afternoon. Be aware, however, of a short Moon void of course period running from 1:46 until 2:59 when the Moon enters Gemini. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more communicative. Watch for some minor irritability and argumentativeness in the late afternoon, but this again may pass unnoticed. Relax and enjoy the evening.

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### Wednesday, December 14th

There are two major energies coming into focus today. The first sheds light on the ways energy and power are used. Unfortunately this energy can bring about more of a tendency for violence than normal. You will notice energy levels rising throughout today as the second energy, tomorrow's full Moon rolls in. Aside from the major energy, moods should be more positive than otherwise through the workday. Take a friendly yet disciplined approach and get a lot done.

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### Thursday, December 15th

Today is full Moon day. It is exact at 11:15 this morning. Remember that full Moons are always high energy and deserve to be approached with respect. During this particular full Moon, it would be a good idea to guard your secrets and keep your eyes and ears open as there will be much to learn. There is another major energy running throughout today that is related to the full Moon and easily brings challenges with and for authority. Again, stay alert as things normally hidden are revealed. High energy from yesterday remains with us today. There is another major energy as well that signifies a general shift in attitudes about relationships toward a more innovative and stimulating mode. The Moon will be void of course from 12:11 this afternoon to 11:01 tonight when it will enter Cancer. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more sensitive and protective. Minor aspects are mixed at best and good choices will definitely be in order.



*It's so easy to be aware of loss at this time of year. People, living and not, who are no longer with us are really on our minds. Sometimes we don't miss what we've lost, but mourn for what could have been. When memories of lost ones come, take a minute to tell them how much you learned from them or how much you benefited by having them in your life. For a new loss, it might be comforting to get a special candle that represents them to you. Light it in your quiet times and at gatherings that would otherwise have included them.*



### Friday, December 16th

Consider the full Moon to continue on through today at least. Remember to keep an eye out for secrets of all kinds and challenges with and for authority. There's another major energy running throughout today that is a long range outer planet aspect. This will have the effect of raising tensions at the international level, but because Jupiter is involved this is likely to appear to be much larger and more potentially damaging than it really is. Aside from the major energy, take an innovative, active and expansive approach through the workday and get a lot done. Be aware, however, that the Moon will be void of course from 7:32 this evening through tomorrow and into Sunday morning. Have fun tonight, but remember the void of course and don't take new things too seriously.

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### Saturday, December 17th

Today is completely covered by this month's longest Moon void of course period. Fortunately for most of us it is a Saturday. There are two major energies to deal with today. The first can bring problems with authority, older people, and traditional matters. The second is related to the first, but tends to stimulate feelings of positivity and wellbeing. Difficulties often arise where people get carried away and cross lines best not crossed. Minor aspects are of no help through the day and good choices will be needed. This is not likely to be the most positive social Saturday night in memory.

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### Sunday, December 18th

The long Moon void of course period runs through today's predawn and finally ends at 9:18 this morning when the Moon enters Leo. At that point the energy will roar back to life and general moods will tend to become more intense and concerned with self. There is another major aspect running throughout the day that easily brings problems to communication and transportation, especially where electricity and electronic media are involved. This energy also tends to bring out the nut cases and if you run into someone who seems not to have both beaters in the batter, they very well may not. Be especially careful in traffic. Minor aspects are of very little help today and good choices will be needed.

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## YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL STILL LIKE YOU IF:

- \* You didn't have time for a manicure or eyebrow wax.
- \* You wore the same dress last year.
- \* There's a grease stain on your tablecloth
- \* Your boyfriend won't go to the party with you.
- \* You find there's spinach between your teeth.
- \* Your bed isn't made.
- \* You are having a bad hair day or your roots show.
- \* The meal is late or the food a little overdone.
- \* Your cat shed on their black pants.

**Should any of the above or something like them happen,  
see the humor in it and let it go.  
Use humor to short-circuit awkwardness or embarrassment.**

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### Monday, December 19th

The cautionary energy from yesterday is likely to carry over into today. There are two more major energies as well. The first is very good for communication and making new beginnings in relationships. Make a positive gesture. The second again easily brings problems in communication and transportation, especially where people become frustrated, angry, and act out. This is related to and extends yesterday's cautionary energy, adding more potential for violence. Be very careful in your dealings with others, especially in traffic, and give no single digit salutes. Minor aspects are once again of very little to no help. Choose wisely.

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There will be a major aspect coming into focus throughout today that is very positive for matters involving communication and transportation. This is welcome indeed after the past couple of days and many among us will be needing to make good use of it. This energy is excellent for negotiation and coming to long term agreement. It should be very good for repairing recent damage. Aside from the major energies, the predawn is open. Take a cooperative and intuitive approach through the morning, but watch for spaciness. Watch the mid afternoon for a brief period of coerciveness, but this may pass unnoticed. Good moods should run through the rest of the afternoon and evening, but be aware of a short Moon void of course period from 8:08 until 9:38 when the Moon enters Virgo. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more discerning and concerned with detail. Watch the late night for some potential relationship issues.

### Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Winter Solstice

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High positive energy from yesterday will continue through today and is joined by three more major energies. The first is the Sun's entry into the cardinal earth sign, Capricorn. This is the winter solstice, which is one of the four major quarter points of the year. It should not be overlooked or allowed to be overshadowed by Christmas. Winter solstice marks the end of the fall harvest season and the start of winter. The shortest day of the year brings the good news that every day for the next six months will be longer. Light and warmth is returning, it just takes a while to become noticeable and to appreciate. Winter is the time of dreaming what you want to accomplish over the next year. During this time you will want to plan for your major projects to be started at the coming vernal equinox in March. The second is very positive for any sort of activity involving communication and transportation. Take an expansive approach and generally go for it. The third is much more cautionary. Watch for all manner of secret and coercive activity up to and including violence. This is not an energy to fool around with. Do not let minor disputes escalate and under no circumstances allow your self to be drawn into altercations with strangers. Minor aspects are mixed, but are more positive than otherwise. The right choices can yield a good day. The wrong ones ...

### Thursday, December 22nd

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High energy continues through today. Reread yesterday and apply the cautions. There are two more major energies. The first is also cautionary. This aspect brings out the space cases of all varieties. Watch for the inebriated and otherwise out of it. This energy can also bring about problems with and for authority. The boss might not be right, but unfortunately he or she is the boss. The second sheds light on and brings about positive communication in relationships. Make a positive gesture in an appropriate situation. Be aware that the Moon will be void of course from 11:29 tonight into tomorrow morning.

***It's a subtle thing, but on Wednesday, with the Winter Solstice, the shortest time of daylight gives way to longer and longer days. Things dormant in the ground are doing all the things they need to do to get ready to awaken to a new spring. Take some time to appreciate that this same thing is going on inside of you right now. Seeds of ideas are waiting for your attention, waiting for the time of fruition.***

### Friday, December 23rd

Last night's Moon void of course period runs through today's predawn and finally ends at 10:25 this morning when the Moon enters Libra. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more concerned with balance and beauty. Relax and take it easy through the void of course. The midday may have a period of spaciness. The early through mid afternoon is mixed. The choice will be between positive relationship energy and really rotten moods. From the late afternoon through the evening, the energy will open up. Choose well.

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### Saturday, December 24th

This particular Christmas period can be more difficult than others. There is a heavy combination of energies on either side of the holiday that will need to be dealt with carefully. Don't overlook the Venus retrograde. This makes it more likely than ever that comparisons to others from the past may be made. This can be very explosive in some family and relationship situations. The energy for altercations is not to be taken lightly. It extends well into the middle of next week. All that being said, today is more positive than tomorrow. You may want to alter some plans if it is possible. There are three major energies running through today. The first is Venus turning retrograde. Venus will move backward in our sky until February 3rd. Watch for people and relationships from the past to reappear for good or ill. See the Venus retrograde explanation at the beginning of this book. The second is a continuation of the highly cautionary energy from Wednesday and Thursday. Again, be very careful in your dealings with others. Do not let minor disputes escalate and under no circumstances get into fights with strangers. This will make for some very tricky last minute shopping. The third is very positive and social. Let every irritation go by and choose friendly communication and fun. You may want to focus on the spiritual side of things. Whatever you do, be of good cheer. Minor aspects are more positive than otherwise. Christmas is a great holiday and a lot of fun for many people-but not for all. For most of us it is not without extra pressure.

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### Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day - Hanukkah Begins

One would hope for more positive energy on Christmas day. Christmas is probably the number one family day of the year and that can stimulate all kinds of pressures. Be sensitive to those who do not have the kind of family scene that you may have. It will be a good idea to get up early and make use of the best period of the day. Know that the energy is as it is through the rest of the day and don't put a lot of pressure on yourself or others to be overly merry. The spirit of the holiday will lift some people, and if you can cooperate with good will, the chances of enjoyment rise. High energy from yesterday, positive and otherwise, will remain with us today. There's another major energy running throughout today that is of unfortunate timing. Watch for argumentativeness and relationship issues. Try to let the past remain there. No matter what the temptation, make no comparisons with relationships past. Open presents early if possible as the Moon will be void of course from 10:51 this morning until 9:02 tonight when it will enter Scorpio. At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more intense. Watch the late night for relationship issues. This will be a day for wise choices.

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**Let's face it – things are pretty hectic. You've probably shopped about as much as you're going to. Menus planned, food bought. It's time to start crossing things off the to do list and take a moment to remember why it is you wanted to do all this. Time to get and stay in touch with what it's all about. Breathe, breathe, breathe. Let go of all the unnecessary stuff, relax and enjoy yourself.**

**THINGS TO TAKE OFF THE LIST.  
DUMB STUFF THAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE  
NICE BUT IS NOW JUST MAKING ME CRAZY.**

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### Monday, December 26th - Kwanzaa Begins

For many people, today will be a day off. If you've got to work, try to keep a good attitude. If you work in retail, try extra hard. The stores will be crazy and you may want to avoid that madness if you can. All of the cautions mentioned over the past few days continue well into Wednesday at least. High energy from yesterday will tend to be with us today. Hopefully good choices were made. There is another major energy coming into focus throughout today that is once again of the cautionary persuasion. Watch for spacy and inebriated violence. Watch for those overindulging in all manner of recreational substances. Be very careful around water and hot and caustic liquids and gases. Aside from the major energies, today's predawn is open and positive. The morning is mixed. Take an active and innovative approach, but watch for aggression and spaciness. There is scattered irritability in the afternoon to early evening. Watch for coerciveness, aggression, and hard attitudes. Take an expansive, but disciplined approach through the evening. Watch the late night for more spaciness. Choices.

### Tuesday, December 27th

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The Moon will be void of course from 2:24 this morning into tomorrow's predawn. This may be a blessing in disguise as the void of course may serve to somewhat blunt the highly cautionary energy mentioned yesterday that will remain with us through today. Reread yesterday and apply. There is another major cautionary energy running throughout today. This is related to yesterday's energy and serves to deepen the caution. Again, watch for violence. People will be running up against limitations and restrictions with potentially violent reactions. This is a dangerous combination of energies that requires special care. Consequences from running afoul of these energies can be much more severe and long lasting than usual.

### Wednesday, December 28th

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Yesterday's long Moon void of course period ends at 3:42 this morning when the Moon enters Sagittarius. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become expansive and open to a wide range of ideas. There is a major energy coming into focus throughout today that is much more positive than what we've been dealing with lately. On higher octaves this energy is best used for magical disciplines. It is also very positive for dealing with technology. Most of us, however, will tend to use it in its social sense, and it works very well at this level, too. Plan some sort of fun, unusual and stimulating activity. Minor aspects are more positive than otherwise and good choices should yield an enjoyable day.

### Thursday, December 29th

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Positive energy mentioned yesterday will remain with us today and we should all try make good use of it. There are three other major energies running through today. The first involves relationships and can go either way. This energy can be good for strengthening and solidifying relationships, but some people may run into limitation, frustration, and hard attitudes. Take a reasonable position and be nice. The second is very good for introspection and coming to greater self understanding. Look within. You will notice energy levels rising throughout today as the third aspect, tomorrow's new Moon, rolls in. Be good. Also be aware that the Moon will be void of course from 9:59 tonight through tomorrow's predawn.

***This might be a good week to be good to yourself.  
Plan a time when you can be alone to listen to some soothing music,  
lay around and read a good book, or watch a special movie.  
You could take time for a spa day, even if it's at home with some  
new or old favorite lotions and oils. Light some candles,  
turn off the phone, stretch a little, and relax.***



### Friday, December 30th

Last night's Moon void of course period runs through most of today's predawn and ends at 6:34 this morning when the Moon enters Capricorn. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more down to earth and concerned with accomplishment. Today is new Moon day. It is exact at 10:10 tonight. Remember that what you start at new Moon brings results at the next full Moon. During this new to full period it would be a good idea to focus on matters concerning self discipline, relationships, and things normally kept secret and hidden. Minor aspects are mixed through the day, but good moods are available with the right choices. Have fun tonight, but remember the new Moon.

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### Saturday, December 31st

New Year's Eve is, of course, the biggest party night of the year. This is not the most positive New Year's Eve on record, but with the right choices, good moods and fun are available. Consider last night's new Moon to run through today and tomorrow and be good. There are five other major energies running through the day. The first is good for seeing beneath the surface and coming to deeper understanding. The second can bring problems to communication and transportation especially where people run into limitations and frustrations. The third is also cautionary and easily leads to problems with and for authority, older people, and traditional matters. The fourth indicates more problems for communication and transportation with more frustration and a tendency to act out. Be very careful in traffic. The fifth is a long-range outer planet aspect that is related to the ongoing international conflict. Something unpleasant is likely in the works. The Moon will be void of course from 4:08 this morning through tomorrow's predawn. Choose well.

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### Sunday, 1st – New Year's Day

This really should be a good day for most people. Take this positive energy on the first day of the year and extend it throughout the year. Yesterday's long Moon void of course period runs through today's predawn and ends at 7:14 this morning when the Moon enters Aquarius. At that point the energy will lift noticeably and general moods will tend to become more independent and free thinking. Consider the new Moon to still be with us. The other high energies from yesterday will remain with us through today as well. Reread. They are joined by two more major energies. The first indicates a general shift in relationship and aesthetic matters toward a more down to earth and disciplined mode. The second is very positive energy that can be used for any activity one may be involved in. Light will be shed on proper uses of energy and power, but most of us will use this energy for fun. Minor aspects are mixed at best, but good choices should yield good moods.

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## Burning Bowl Ceremony

Many people take this time of year to let go of the things that no longer work for them. They might be bad habits, self-defeating thoughts, unhealthy patterns or worn out circumstances.

A Burning Bowl ceremony is a nice way to give weight to this process. It can be as simple or as involved as you like. You can do it alone or as part of a larger gathering. Essentially you put a candle in a heatproof container, write a few words that express what it is you're letting go, and let it burn as you emotionally and mentally release. For safety, when doing this in a large group you might want to do it outside or use flash paper. Actually, it's more fun to use the flash paper no matter the group size because its burning is so fast and dramatic.

You might want to follow this up with a letter to God or Spirit or your higher self. Use it to express gratitude for where you've come from and where you hope to go. It's a way first of all think about what it is you want, to help fix it in your mind, and to make it more likely to happen.

# Guide to Astrology

Looking at the daily pages, you will find each day's astrological aspects, *i.e.*, energies, and the exact time of their occurrence on the margin of the page. The first and third columns' symbols are the planets involved, and the middle symbols are the angles—the aspects—that the planets are forming to each other. The text is the Astro-Weather forecast. This is my interpretation of these energies and how I think the largest number of people will see them in action. Of course, not every person will have days exactly as I describe them. But those who watch the days over a period of time will find that the patterns do show up. Different people respond to individual Astro-Weather energies differently. Just as some people like rainy days while most people do not, some people will enjoy challenging energies that most people consider to be hasslesome.

Regardless of our personal likes and dislikes, the Astro-Weather is as it is. I have described it and offer suggestions for dealing with it. I hope that you will find it as useful as I do.

## Moon Void of Course Periods

The Moon is said to be void of course between the time it makes its last major aspect in a sign and its entry into the next sign. During these times, plans that are made, ideas that are had, projects that are started and major purchases almost always fall through or go wrong. This energy can be overcome, but it takes two or three times the normal amount of effort and most people most of the time will not put that much out. Please watch these times and verify this for yourself.

There is more that needs to be said about these periods, however. Moon void of course periods are among the most easily observed of astrological influences. Only a few days of watching these periods provides enough direct experience to take them seriously. A great deal of grief and frustration can be avoided by observing these periods. It should be noted that there are some positive uses for them. It is said that it is easier to break bad habits during voids of course. This is worth checking out. These periods are also good for breathing spaces in otherwise busy or hectic schedules.

As a void of course period ends when the Moon enters the next sign, it is noted that “At that point the energy will lift and general moods will tend to become more” like what the essence of that sign indicates. Aries, for instance, has at its essence an assertive and aggressive attitude, while Sagittarius tends to be more expansive and open to a wide range of ideas. This is intended as a brief reminder of the general change that occurs in the background energy at these times, depending upon the sign entered. This energy may be thought of as being similar to water in motion: It swirls aimlessly and without direction during the void of course, then becomes more focused and channeled in a particular direction when under the influence of the sign entered by the Moon. More information on these influences is given at the back of this book.

## Planetary Retrogrades

**Mercury Retrograde:** November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 through December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Mercury is said to be in retrograde motion when, due to our relative orbits around the sun, parallax view causes it to appear to back up in our sky.

Mercury has rulership of communication and transportation. This affects just about everything in one way or another. When Mercury is retrograde, all things having to do with communication and transportation are prone to snafu and breakdown. You will notice during Mercury retrogrades that the incidence of traffic light malfunctions, telephone service interruptions, lost and mishandled messages, general misunderstanding of information, missed connections and other problems in travel, and every other imaginable kind of trouble in these areas, rises dramatically.

Try to avoid signing legal documents, starting new projects, or opening new businesses during these periods. If it absolutely can't be avoided, then go ahead. But be aware that there will almost certainly have to be renegotiation and new beginnings at a later date, and be prepared to deal with this.

The way to handle these periods is to allow extra time for everything. Try to anticipate where problems are likely to occur and plan for dealing with them. The most important thing is to keep a good attitude. These periods occur three or

four times a year for three weeks at a time. We have all lived through many of them in the past. They are annoying and frustrating, but they always pass. You may want to watch these periods for a couple weeks on either side, especially right after one of them, for the shadow to pass and the planet to pick up speed.

**Venus Retrograde:** December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

The other two inner, or personal, planets are Venus and Mars. When they are retrograde there tends to be more of a noticeable effect on our personal lives.

When Venus is retrograde, all things related to Venus are called into question. Relationships of all kinds, especially the romantic variety, can be more of a challenge. Perhaps the most common and potentially troublesome manifestation of this is a tendency for relationships from the past to reappear. This can sometimes take the form of the actual person showing up. More often one can fall into comparing current partners with idealized memories of past partners. Old relationship habits and ideas also tend to return. All of these things can put stress on current relationships. Those who reestablish old relationships during Venus retrogrades often remember why those relationships ended when the retrograde ends. Of course, it is within the realm of possibility that the reestablishment of an old relationship is a good thing and a Venus retro is the time for that to happen. Discernment is of the utmost importance. Venus also rules such things as the arts and it is ill advised to drop a bundle on an expensive painting or other adornment during a Venus retrograde.

**Mars Retrograde:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005

When Mars is retrograde, all things related to Mars are called into question. Mars has rulership of energy, and during a retrograde there will be somewhat less of it available. Bursts of energy will be followed by longer recovery periods. During a Mars retrograde disputes from the past have a tendency to reignite. It is unwise to rip scabs off of old wounds at these times. Mars was the God of war and its retrograde periods are not the time to start trouble. Saddam invaded Kuwait during a Mars retrograde as an example.

## A Brief Explanation of the Aspects

Alongside the written paragraph for each day is the list of aspects and the times that they occur. They are included for those who can read them, for students who may benefit from them and to stimulate curiosity in people who may want to learn more about astrology. Most of these will consist of the symbols for the two planets that are involved, with the aspect (angle) symbol in the middle. Some will have the symbol of a planet and an arrow pointing into the symbol for one of the signs. This indicates the ingress, or entry, of the planet into that sign. Fewer will have the symbol of a planet followed by  $\Re$  which indicates the planet turning retrograde or a  $\mathcal{D}$  indicating that a retrograde planet is returning to direct motion.

### Major Aspects

**Conjunction:**  $\circ$  0° When two or more planets occupy the same degree in a sign. Conjunctions are neutral and are aspects of beginnings. New Moons are conjunctions and are the beginning of the monthly lunar cycle.

**Solar Eclipse:**  $\blacksun$  This is when the new Moon is lined up so that the Moon is between the Earth and the Sun and casts a shadow on parts of the Earth. It is still a conjunction of the Moon and Sun but is more intense than usual.

**Semisextile:**  $\sphericalangle$  30° When two planets are 30 degrees apart. This is a moderately positive aspect in which the two planets are in good communication.

**Sextile:**  $\ast$  60° When two planets are 60 degrees apart. This is a positive aspect in which the two planets are in a harmonious relationship.

**Square:**  $\square$  90° When two planets are 90 degrees apart. This is a cautionary aspect which represents an excess of the combined energy of the two planets. With the right choices this energy may be put to good use. Most often people fail to do that so the aspect has come to be viewed as difficult.

Trine:  $\Delta$  120° When two planets are 120 degrees apart. This is considered to be the most positive of aspects that represents an abundance of the combined energy of the two planets.

Opposition:  $\oslash$  180° When two planets are 180 degrees apart. Oppositions are aspects of manifestation. They are the opposite and culmination of conjunctions. Oppositions bring about a manifestation of the combination of the energies of the planets involved. This is a rather heavy aspect that has come to be viewed as cautionary. Full Moons, for example, are oppositions.

Lunar Eclipse:  $\blacksun$  This is when the full Moon is lined up so that the Earth is between the Moon and the Sun and casts a shadow on the Moon. It is still an opposition of the Moon and Sun but is more intense than usual.

### Minor Aspects

Semisquare:  $\angle$  45° When two planets are 45 degrees apart. This is a minor aspect that is mildly cautionary being, just as the degrees imply, half of a square.

Sesquiquadrate:  $\angle$  135° When two planets are 135 degrees apart. This is a minor aspect that is mildly irritable but quite often passes unnoticed.

Quincunx:  $\nabla$  150° When two planets are 150 degrees apart. This aspect is more cautionary than positive but is eccentric and can go either way. Its unpredictability has caused it to be viewed as difficult, but it can at times be a positive surprise.

Parallel:  $//$  When two planets are in the same degree of declination north or south of the equator. This aspect is to be viewed as being much the same as a conjunction.

Contraparallel:  $\#$  When two planets are in the same degree north and south of the equator. This aspect is to be viewed as being much the same as an opposition.

Ingress  $\rightarrow$  When a planet leaves one sign and enters another.

## The Planets and Signs

### The Planets

Much more can be said of the planets and signs than is explained here. The following is a brief glance at the essence of each of them as it relates specifically to Astro-Weather.

Sun:  $\odot$  Light, Illumination, Authority.

Moon:  $\lrcorner$  Emotion, Mood, Feeling.

Mercury:  $\text{☿}$  Communication and transportation. The thinking and communication process. Travel, Traffic, Commerce.

Venus:  $\text{♀}$  Relationships, the Arts.

Mars:  $\text{♂}$  Energy, Power, Action.

Jupiter:  $\text{♃}$  General Positivity, Expansiveness, Preservation.

Saturn:  $\text{♄}$  Discipline, Limitation. Imposition of authority. Older people. Tradition.

Uranus:  $\text{♅}$  Eccentricity, Crazy, the Unusual. Electricity, Technology, Magic.



Neptune: ♆ Spaciness, Inebriants, Spirituality.

Pluto: ♇ All things secret and hidden. Sexuality, Coerciveness.

## The Signs

More often than not, when you see the signs listed it is when the Moon is entering a sign at the end of a Moon void of course period. Again, what you will find below is the essence of the sign as it relates to Astro-Weather and is by no means meant to be seen as a complete explanation. Think of these as key-words.

Aries: ♈ Assertive and aggressive.

Taurus: ♉ Down to earth and concerned with enjoyment.

Gemini: ♊ Communicative.

Cancer: ♋ Sensitive and protective.

Leo: ♌ Intense and concerned with self.

Virgo: ♍ Critical, discerning and concerned with detail.

Libra: ♎ Concerned with balance, beauty and harmony.

Scorpio: ♏ Intense, secretive, deep.

Sagittarius: ♐ Widely and deeply free-ranging. Open to a wide range of ideas.

Capricorn: ♑ Disciplined, down to earth and concerned with accomplishment.

Aquarius: ♒ Innovative, independent, free-thinking.

Pisces: ♓ Intuitive, spaciness, concern for and appreciation of intangibles.

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